

To the Aquatics Department and Healthy Living Department,  
Eagan YMCA

This letter is to express my interest in the Senior Coordinator position with the Aquatics Department of the Eagan YMCA. I am contacting you in reference to this position because it seems tailored to both my abilities and passions. This position would be a tremendous opportunity to utilize my potential, play a more significant role in our association's aquatics team, and a logical progression from my current position as Head Lifeguard at the Southdale YMCA.

I am very passionate about lifeguarding and safety training, and have a strong appreciation for the standards of our association and the YMCA as a whole. I hold myself to a very high standard as a lifeguard and have taken every opportunity to take additional training to make me more prepared in the event of an emergency and to better support those I work with. I was very pleased to see that this effort reflected in a number of our lifeguards following my example (and counseling) in earning additional certifications above those required.

In my role as Head Lifeguard at Southdale I work very closely with the lifeguards on training and maintaining their skill level. This extended beyond the basics and included dealing with unexpected situations while maintaining a calm and collected demeanor. While I try to make myself fully available to our lifeguards, I also make sure that they know that I trust in their judgement and abilities. One of the ways I show this trust is that I make sure to not actively intervene when they are dealing with a situation unless they ask for my assistance when we are guarding together. They know I'm still there to support them, but they also know I have faith in their abilities. I strongly believe that one of the best ways to get our lifeguards to act as professional rescuers is to treat them like professionals.

I have been very fortunate to have worked under Mary Lokowich (Southdale's Program Manager) and Natalie Buchkosky (Southdale's Senior Coordinator) for the last few years. They have let me share in the teaching of certifications and aid them in many administrative tasks. This opportunity has given me hands on experience and a more in depth understanding of the tasks a Senior Coordinator would be responsible for and the role that position plays in both the Aquatics and Healthy Living team.

Thank you for your consideration.

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